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1. Communist support in a plan to overthrow the Plaza administration has recently been sought by two groups in Ecuador. One faction is a military clique headed by Comandante Cesar Alfaro. This group also contacted Socialist leaders in an effort to gain solid leftist support.
2. The second faction is led by Carlos Guavara Moreno and Jose Vicente Trujillo, former Foreign Minister under Dr. Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra. This group claims to have the backing of a large number of military men at Salinas and at the San Antonio tank base.
3. The Communists have not pledged definite support to either group because neither faction has been able to commit itself as to the exact amount of military strength it could command. However, the Communists did agree to promote a campaign of national unrest. In this connection, Manuel Medina, a Guayaquil Communist, suggested to the officials of El Telegrafo, a daily newspaper, that it was believed that Plaza might soon announce a dictatorship. This statement was made in an attempt to create a feeling of uncertainty about the Plaza administration.
4. A later report on 15 November revealed that Pedro Saad, at an open meeting for Communist members, stated that despite the grave errors made by the Plaza administration, the Communists would continue to support Plaza for the time being rather than give aid to a military-arranged coup. [REDACTED] Comment. This statement may have been made for Plaza's consumption.)

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